Democrats Splinter U.S., Agnew Charges

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MANCHESTER, N .H., June 13—Vice Presid nt June 13—Vice Pesident Agnew said tonight the Democrats have "a remarkable knack for dividing Americans into competing activist segments."

Commenting n the Democrats' Miami Beach convention, he said: ". . . their philosophy is divisive, pitting generatin against generation, race against race, sex against sex and class against class. . ."

The Vice President flailed away at "instant historians," naming Arthur Schlesinger, "and other partisan flacks in academe and the media."

Agnew spoke to more than 2,000 New Hampshire Republicans at a fund raising affair.

"Tonight I want to talk to you about the challenge posed not by our Democratic opposition per se but by their allies in the liberal media," he said.

"Now understand, by liberal media I mean a relatively little group compared to the total number of newsmen in the country . . . but, unfortunately as somemembers of the media admit, fairness has become an increasingly rare commodity in recent years."

He gave as an example of what he called unfair news coverage the reporting on the New Hampshire presidential primary vote last March.

"True, the President's vote overwhelmed that of his potential Democratic opposiiton. Even the write-in vote for the Vice President was larger than the vote given any single Democratic contender for the presidency—in spite of the fact that their names were printed on the ballots.

"Yet, thanks to the parti eral media, the significance san predeliction of the libof the President's primary vote was submerged in a sea of biased journalistic commentary . ."

Agnew said, "We might hope that the fair, objective segments of the media will themselves redouble their efforts to redraft, even to a limited degree,the imbalance of their liberal colleagues."